

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit (4) for the use in a motor vehicle comprising:

a parking brake lever (40) of a plastic material;

a support (20) of a plastic material, at which the parking brake lever (40) is pivotably supported;

a locking unit (40, 26), comprising a pawl (40), which is mounted at the parking brake lever (40), and a ratchet insert (26); wherein

the ratchet insert (26) comprises of a metal and is over-molded within the support (20).

Claim 2 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to claim 1, wherein the ratchet insert (26) comprises locking teeth (27) and wherein the ratchet insert (26) is integrated into the support (20), so that substantially only the locking teeth (27) are exposed.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the ratchet insert (26) comprises mounting holes (28), which are filled with plastic material during injection molding of the support (20).

Claim 4 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1-3, wherein the pawl (40) comprises of a metal or a plastic material.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1-4, wherein the parking brake lever (40) is pivotably supported by means of a shaft (70) within the support (20), wherein the shaft (70) comprises of a plastic material.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to claim 5, wherein the shaft ~~(70)~~ is a self- locking shaft, which comprises integrated latching elements, so that ~~it can be~~ the shaft is mounted within the support ~~(20)~~ without additional mounting elements.

Claim 7 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 6,~~ wherein the parking brake lever ~~(10)~~ comprises an over-molded grip at its grip area ~~(12)~~ of a plastic material.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 7,~~ wherein the parking brake lever ~~(10)~~ and/or the support ~~(20)~~ and/or the shaft ~~(70)~~ comprises of a ~~technical~~ plastic material, which comprises self-lubricating characteristics, so that no additional lubricants or special bearings or bearing halves must be used.

Claim 9 (original): Parking brake lever unit according to claim 8, wherein the plastic material comprises additives for achieving the self-lubricating characteristics.

Claim 10 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 7,~~ wherein the parking brake lever ~~(10)~~ and/or the support ~~(20)~~ comprises bearing bushings or bearing halves of a metal or plastic material, wherein the material of the bearing bushings or bearing halves comprises self-lubricating characteristics.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 10,~~ wherein the support ~~(20)~~ comprises a stiff plate ~~(22)~~, which is ~~rippled~~ ribbed at its underside.

Claim 12 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 11,~~ wherein the support ~~(20)~~ comprises an essentially plane plate ~~(22)~~.

Claim 13 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the claims 11 to 12,~~ wherein the plate ~~(22)~~ comprises metallic mounting inserts ~~(24)~~.

Claim 14 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1-13, wherein the support (20) comprises an integrated latching element (21) for the mounting of the parking brake lever unit (1) at the vehicle.

Claim 15 (currently amended): Parking brake lever unit according to ~~one of the~~ claims 1-14, wherein the support (20) comprises an electrical switch (80), which can be actuated by the parking brake lever (10).